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## Dear Friends,

I hope that your fall is off to a great start. Next week, the House of Representatives will return to session in Washington. I've greatly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time at home in North Carolina visiting with constituents and learning about the issues facing our district. As I return to Washington, I will be fighting for you against the Left's wasteful spending and harmful policies. You can find updates on [my website](#), social media accounts ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)), [Rumble](#), and in this newsletter.

The 60 Day Congressional Blackout Period begins this Friday. If you would like to continue to receive our newsletter, ***be sure to subscribe.***

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Jo and I are sending our prayers and condolences to the people of the United Kingdom following Queen Elizabeth II's passing today. She was a great ally to the United States, and a historic example of duty, grace, and service to one's country.

**READ:** [Obituary: Queen Elizabeth II](#)

At home, Americans are facing a record crime wave. Emblematic of this trend is the tragic abduction and murder of Eliza Fletcher in Memphis, Tennessee. Fletcher was murdered by a career criminal who was released from prison early. Any murder is a tragedy – yet Eliza Fletcher's killing is one of many instances where liberal, soft-on-crime policies ended in heartbreak.

In North Carolina, homicides are up in [Greensboro](#), [Raleigh](#) and [Charlotte](#).

Meanwhile, on the national level, cities like [New York City](#), [Birmingham](#), and [New Orleans](#) have also encountered surging violent crime. This is the inevitable result of Democrats' harmful policies.

Now, the DEA is warning that cartels are marketing [“rainbow fentanyl”](#) to children as cartels continue to smuggle illegal drugs across the border, hiding amongst an unprecedented flood of illegal migrants pouring across our wide-open southern border.

Families across North Carolina and the nation are facing the negative impacts of drugs, crime, and illegal immigration. Democrats currently hold the reins of power – but they refuse to lift a finger to fix these problems.

Instead of supporting law enforcement and protecting Americans, the Biden administration is focused on attacking conservatives, smearing anyone who opposes the President as [“destroying democracy.”](#)

Biden branded himself as the “unity President” - that is nothing short of a total farce. His recent speech, ostensibly about “democracy,” was a signal to his corporate and media allies that they should work to cut off ‘MAGA Republicans’ from polite society.

While Biden dithers and blames others, our country suffers. These myriad problems stem directly from Democrats' soft-on-crime policies.

**READ:** [Biden's inhumane open-border policies devastate Americans, illegal immigrants](#)

## **Union County Schools Outperformed Other Districts That Closed Doors**

During the disastrous pandemic lockdowns and school shutdowns of 2020 and 2021, Union County was one of only three counties in North Carolina that courageously went against the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Service’s ill-advised quarantine requirements.

Despite being denounced by all major state health officials, and even threatened with a lawsuit, Union County Schools scored higher in reading, math, and nearly every other [measurable category](#).

Union County had the region's highest proficiency rates for Hispanic students in reading (43%) and math (55%), for Asian students in reading (88%) and math (95%), and for economically disadvantaged students in math (43%).

As our state continues to reel from the all-too-predictable aftershock of public schools closing their doors, Union County significantly topped state averages for student performance. While other school districts in Charlotte or Raleigh kept students out of the classroom, the Union County School District returned to in-person learning quicker than nearly every other school district.

While we still have a way to go in improving public education across the state and the country, I am heartened by the school leaders who are still working to ensure children's best interests.

**READ:** [Scores show big differences among Charlotte-area school districts](#)

## **ICYMI: Congressman Dan Bishop on the Dan Bongino Show**

Last Friday, I spoke with Lisa Boothe on the Dan Bongino Show to discuss President Biden's recent dystopian speech, and how he has weaponized the administrative state against patriotic Americans.



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## **Service Academy Nominations Due September 30<sup>th</sup>**

All High School students interested in applying for nomination to U.S. Service Academies must submit their application packet to my Monroe Office by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Additional information for the service academy nomination process can be found [here](#).

Applications must be mailed to our Monroe District Office at:

**Congressman Dan Bishop**  
**300 N Main St.**  
**Monroe, NC 28112**

**Please direct all questions about the application process to** our office by calling (202) 225-1976 or emailing [James.Hampson@mail.house.gov](mailto:James.Hampson@mail.house.gov)

## **The 2022 Congressional App Challenge**

Students in District 9 interested in coding are invited to compete in this year's National Congressional App Challenge. Individuals or teams may submit their application for any digital platform (web app, desktop/PC app, a web browser extension, robot, Ruby on Rails, mobile, etc.) and can use any programming language (C/C++, Objective C, C#, Java, JavaScript, Python, Ruby, PHP, Swift, "block code", etc.).

App submissions must show some degree of functionality to be competitive!

For a full list of rules, please visit <https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/>

For additional questions please contact Kennon Later at (202) 225-1976 or [Kennon.later@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kennon.later@mail.house.gov)

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